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FORCED HIMSELF TO WORK.

Queer Way Historian Prescott Has for Curing Laziness.

Rollo Ogden, in his brief and very readable biography of William H. Prescott, the historian, cites many passages from the diary showing Prescott's habit of flogging himself to get work by making wagers with his secretaries that he would complete a given task by a certain day, the odds always heavily against himself. "Prescott always took this betting on his own industry with perfect seriousness. Sometimes he would radiantly greet his secretaries with 'You have lost! You owe me a dollar.' And he would exact payment. Occasionally he would, with woebegone countenance, produce and pay over to the protesting secretary the \$20 or \$30 he himself had lost." One elaborately made memorandum witnesses that a bet of \$1 to \$50 had been made "between E. B. Otis and William H. Prescott, Esq., the latter betting \$50 that he will write 100 pages of his 'History of Peru' in 100 days." The document is signed William H. Prescott and Edmund B. Otis, but the latter subjoins the following: "I promise on my honor as a gentleman not to release Mr. Prescott from any forfeiture that may incur, except in such cases as are provided for in the contract—this contract being made at his desire for his own accommodation only."

KEPT "BOY" IN CHECK.

Centenarian Restrained Spirits of His 76-Year-Old Son.

Senator Depew tells of attending a commemorative dinner given to Chevreul, the famous French chemist, on his 100th birthday, apropos of having himself recently arrived at the age of 70.

"Chevreul ascribed his longevity," said Mr. Depew, "to the fact that being sure of his position in the factory of the Gobelin tapestries so long as he might live, though his position was a modest one, he never worried about finances, never had serious troubles, and never had touched tobacco or alcohol. He had lived most temperately and drank the muddy waters of the Seine."

"Beside him was a gentleman who enjoyed the dinner to the utmost and was hilariously and rather uproariously proposing the health of everybody at the table. The old gentleman every little while would place his hand upon this neighbor and check his levity."

"Why does Chevreul take so much interest in his lively neighbor?" I inquired of my escort.

"Because he is his son," was the reply.

"How old is the boy?" said I.
"Seventy-six," answered my polite escort.—Washington Post.

Early Tragedy.

The Assyrian maiden was in tears! "What is the matter?" asked her girl friend.

"Herbert wrote me a seven-page love letter and threw it over the garden wall. It was written on the finest terra cotta he could find. Page number three struck father, who was asleep on a bench, and now he and Herbert are throwing my love letter back and forth with all their might, and unless a policeman comes pretty soon I don't believe I'll ever know a word of what was in it!"—Washington Star.

Oldest Active Fireman.

John Shumaker, aged 79 years, of New Castle, Pa., is held to be the oldest active fireman in the United States. He has been a fireman since he was 14 years of age, and always maintained a deep interest in the business of fighting the flames.

THAT CALL.

We are not in favor of any class or body of men usurping the power prerogative of the Republican party. There is a Republican organization in this Territory, and the head of that organization, is the only proper person to call a Territorial convention. We are satisfied that some of the men whose names are signed to call for a Republican meeting to be held in Muskogee, were not aware of the wording of the call. We never saw the call until it was published in the Phoenix and had we been aware of the fact that our names were signed to that particular call we would have objected and asked the gentlemen to leave us off. This call grew out of a caucus of colored men held recently, and our understanding was that the call should be made for a Negro convention composed of Negroes of the Territory regardless of political affiliation. The change must have occurred after the caucus adjourned. Whatever the motive of the organization may be, we desire to go on record here and now as against the convention under the call and publication.

Blind ambition and eagerness for popularity, should not compel men to make asses of themselves and their followers. There is no necessity in our opinion, for a Republican convention at this time. But there is both necessity and cause for a convention of the Negroes of the Territory, and if the race leaders here are too crazy over politics to think of the race in more particulars than one, then the leaders at some other place should call a convention to be composed of race men and to be non political. Unless this call is changed, no loyal republican can attend and participate, for the reason the call is not regular, to say the least, and stands in opposition to the regular Republican organization in the same light that the Lily White Republican club is.

Change the wording of your call gentlemen, or there will be a counter proposition submitted at once.

Items From Wewoka

We have two good physicians at this place, Dr. Chandler and Dr. Tyson, both doing a good practice. They are brainy young men and fit representatives of their profession.

We have on lawyer in the person of Hon. J. C. Johnson, who has more work than he can do. In addition to his legal work he is private Secretary to the Chief of the Seminole nation.

On Friday, June 11, a colored woman reported that she had been assaulted and a crime of rape committed upon her by a prominent white man in this community. She went before U. S. Com. Tate twice and complained but so far he has done nothing on account we presume of the high standing of the criminal. Strange proceeding this. Had it been the reverse there would have been an arrest at once, as we know the Com. to be very prompt to act when a black person was charged with crime. Can it be there is no remedy and such hellish, brutish, damnable crimes go unpunished? We hope and are praying for a remedy.

The 4th of July picnic was carried out with partial success. Address were made by Messrs Leftwich, Twine and Johnson, all present were highly pleased with the program as rendered.

The pleasant day was marred by a tripple killing at night in which Mrs. Mary Steward, Jim Gaines and Leonard Wilson lost their lives, all of them having been shot and dying instantly, by Henry Steward, the husband of the woman. The cause for the wholesale killing is not known. Three souls were rushed into eternity without warning. The slayer has not been apprehended.

Johnny's Lament.

Wish I didn't have any sisters 'round Fourth of July time. Got six that are pretty decent other times, but when the Fourth comes they buzz 'round like mosquitoes.

They ain't got no consid'ration for a feller's feelings. They bust in on his fun just when he's lighting a cannon cracker and want a punk fixed, and when they see the cannon sizzling they scream loud enough to split your ears and that brings your maw and she yells to you to quit teasing your sisters and then sees the cannon and rushes out and grabs you and bears you away, and you miss seeing the cannon bust into a thousand pieces.

No, str, sisters are all wrong 'round Fourth of July time. If they ain't getting your maw after you and screaming all the time fit to kill, they're moozing 'round and blubbing and saying, "Poor Johnny's burned his finger."

That makes a feller with any spunk darn mad.

Papago Version of Football.

The boys of the Papago tribe in the southwest have a game which the fellows in Harvard and Yale would form rules about, if they played it, until it became very lively indeed.

These Indian boys make dumbbells of woven buckskin or rawhide. They weave them tight and stiff, and then soak them in a sort of red mud which sticks like paint. They dry them, and then the queer toys are ready for use.

To play the game, they mark off goals, one for each band or "tribe" of players. The object of each side is to send its dumbbells over the goal of the enemy.

The dumbbells are tossed with sticks that are thrust under them as they lie on the ground. The perverse things will not go straight or far, and a rod is a pretty good throw for one.

The sport quickly grows exciting, and the players are soon battling in a heap, almost as if they were playing at football.—St. Nicholas.

Emperor and King.

When King Kalakaua went around the world in 1881 he called first on the present mikado of Japan. Mr. William N. Armstrong thus pictures the two rulers: "The emperor and the king now rose and stood beside each other. The emperor was slightly above the average height of his race; his complexion was dark and his face an open one; his forehead was unusually high; his eyes black and penetrating; nor did he look like one who would put himself entirely in the hands of his ministers. His dress was a European military uniform and the breast of his coat was decorated with orders. The king, with a complexion unusually dark for a Hawaiian, towered above him, graceful, imperturbable. The contrast was striking; but the inscrutable face and the eye of the emperor disclosed the stronger character."

For Investigation of Radium.

Recognizing the great and immediate importance of investigation of the nature and properties of radium and radio-active bodies, the court of the Goldsmiths' Company of London, recently signified its willingness to hand over a sum of \$5,000 to the Royal Society to constitute a radium research fund. The council of the Royal Society at once accepted the duty of administering this grant. Proposals relating to the method of utilizing the fund for the assistance of scientific investigation have at the same time been communicated to the company for its approval.

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